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MARK SMITH'S GOOD WORK ENDORSED

It is a matter of personal satisfaction to the people of Arizona to know the high esteem in which Senator Mark Smith, of Arizona, is held at the national capital and the testimonials from the high officials of the democratic party, regarding his ability and loyalty at all times to the interests of this state.

Such testimonials set at rest and belittle the insinuations of the political opponents of Arizona's Senator.

We are in receipt of the following communications bearing upon this subject, which we publish without comment, leaving the reader to draw his own conclusions.

Vice President Marshall's Letter:
Vice President's Chamber,
Washington

August 8th, 1914.

My Dear Sir:

I am very glad to know that the Democrats are in good shape in Arizona. I know nothing about conditions out there or who are candidates for office. It would be entirely inappropriate for me to take any part in the nomination of officials, but I do know that one of the ablest men in the Senate and the best friend of Arizona, is Senator Mark Smith.

Very sincerely,

(Signed)

THOS. R. MARSHALL.

Letters from Frank K. Lane:

The Secretary of the Interior.

Washington.

August 8, 1914.

My Dear Senator:

I hasten to congratulate you upon the passage through Congress of the Smith Reclamation Extension Bill. It is especially gratifying because it is so difficult at this late period in the session to secure any legislation excepting of an emergency character. You have done a large service for the irrigators of your State, which I have no doubt will be properly appreciated. I hope to have the further help of yourself and Mr. Hayden in devising further measures by which the interests of the West may be cared for and protected.

Cordially yours,

(Signed),

FRANKLIN K. LANE.

Hon. Marcus A. Smith,

United States Senate.

Smith the Man.

Says Senator Worsley in an exclusive interview:

While Senator Worsley was in Phoenix on the 22nd his friends asked him to become a candidate for U. S. Senator. With characteristic patriotism the senator replied:

"It is the duty of every good citizen, at all times, but particularly at the present time, to subordinate personal ambitions to the good of the state, and because I feel that way I shall decline to enter the field against Senator Smith, who, in my opinion, can accomplish more good for the state, in the senate, than could any other citizen of Arizona no matter how able, brilliant and trustworthy he may be. I base this opinion upon the fact that because of his standing and influence in the senate as the result of the friendships he has formed and knowledge he has acquired during his long service at Washington, gives him an advantage in accomplishing the work in the senate that no new senator from this state would possess. Take his committee assignments for instance. He is chairman of the committee on 'Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands' and in that capacity can render the citizens of this state most valuable service. A new senator would not be given that important chairmanship nor would he be assigned to the other important committees in the hands of which, to a large extent rests the welfare of the west; such committees as for instance as the committee on 'Conservation of our National Resources,' 'Public Lands,' 'Rivers and Harbors,' 'Judiciary,' etc. Mark Smith is an active member of all the important committees named and several other less important committees. Anyone familiar with the methods of handling legislation at Washington knows that the real work at the house and the senate is done by and through the committee, therefore the committee assignments of Senator Marcus Smith are an asset this state cannot afford to divest itself of at this time and it certainly will divest itself of such asset if it should elect a successor to Mr. Mark Smith this fall. I am not a special admirer of Mr. Smith but shall support him for re-election because I honestly believe that by doing so I can best promote and conserve the welfare of the people of this state."

George D. Christy's Endorsement:

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 15, 1914.

Mr. J. L. Irvin,

Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry as to what I observed as to the efficiency of our United States Senator, Mr. Smith, while I was in Washington representing the Water Users' Association in the interests of the 20-year extension measure, will state that nothing but the wide acquaintance and personal popularity of Senator Smith could have enabled us to secure the approval of the Secretary to the various provisions of the proposed bill, and the President's support thereof, as well as the favorable report thereon, by the Senate Committee on Irrigation, and the passage of the bill by the Senate as reported on by said Committee.

Mr. Orme, President of the Water Users' Association, and myself, attended the meetings of the Senate Irrigation Committee, of which Senator Smith is Chairman, every day during the proposed measure which was afterwards passed as amended by the House, was under consideration, and at every meeting of the Committee some one or more members thereof, after staying for awhile, would plead other duties and turning to Senator Smith, Chairman, would say, "Count us present, and upon each question which comes up in your absence cast our votes the same as you do your own. Among the Senators so doing at various times, I can now recall Senators Borah of Idaho, Warren of Wyoming, Fall of New Mexico, Thomas of Colorado, Walsh of Montana, and Newlands of Nevada.

Without disparagement of the efforts of our Congressman Carl Hayden, and our Senator Henry Ashurst, I feel confident in saying that but for the efforts of Senator Smith, his wide acquaintance and his popularity, and the tact he used as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Irrigation, the 20-year extension would not now be a law, and that if any bill had been passed for the relief of settlers under the Reclamation projects, the terms thereof would not have been nearly so favorable as are those in the present bill.

PETITION TIME HAS CLOSED WITH MANY TICKETS UNFILLED

Democrats Alone Have a Complete List of Nominations While the Bull Moose's Slate is Conspicuous for Vancancies.

PHOENIX, Aug. 18.—When the office of the secretary of state closed tonight the time for filing nomination petitions had expired. The only absolutely complete ticket that had been filed was the democratic. There was one vacancy on the socialist ticket; the republicans were lacking two candidates for the supreme court and there were numerous yawning holes in the progressive list. In no party except the democratic is there a contest for any nomination.

Following is the list of candidates whose names will appear on the ballots at the primaries.

Democratic Candidates:

U. S. Senator—Mark A. Smith, Tucson; Reese M. Ling, Phoenix. Congress—Carl Hayden, Phoenix. Governor—George W. P. Hunt, Globe; H. A. Hughes, Phoenix. Secretary of state—Sidney P. Osborn, Phoenix. Supreme court—Alfred Franklin, Phoenix; D. L. Cunningham, Bisbee; H. D. Ross, J. T. Hawkins, Prescott. Auditor—J. C. Callaghan, Bisbee; Lin B. Orme, Phoenix. Attorney general—H. H. Linney, Prescott; Leslie Hardy, Tucson; Wiley E. Jones, Phoenix. Superintendent of schools—C. O. Case, Jerome; H. Q. Robertson, Mesa. Corporation commission—W. P. Geary, Winslow; F. A. Jones, Phoenix; A. W. Cole, Douglas; Sam B. Bradner, Douglas; J. W. Weatherford, Phoenix; Don C. Ebbitt, Mesa. Tax Commissioner—C. M. Zander, Phoenix; P. J. Miller, Yuma. Mine Inspector—G. H. Bolin, Bisbee; Charles Hanson, Douglas.

Republican Ticket:

U. S. Senator—Lorenzo Hubbell, Ganado. Congress—H. L. Eads, Phoenix. Governor—Ralph Cameron, Phoenix. Secretary of state—C. G. Cole, Clifton. Supreme court—Thomas Armstrong, Phoenix. Auditor—A. H. Gardner, Tombstone. Treasurer—Thomas H. Rynning, Douglas. Attorney general—Joseph E. Morrison, Phoenix. Superintendent of schools—Mrs. Rose Kibbe Krebs, Phoenix. Mine Inspector—Parker L. Woodman, Phoenix. Corporation commission—J. C. Reed, Phoenix; Robert Mitchell, Nogales; Thomas Maddock, Williams. Tax commission—Thomas E. Campbell, Prescott; H. Vance Clymer, Yuma. Socialist Ticket.

U. S. senator—Bert Davis, Phoenix. Congress—Ulrich Grill, Oatman. Governor—J. R. Barnett, Chandler. Secretary of state—Mrs. Leroy Ikenberry, Globe. Auditor—Charles R. Greene, Prescott. Treasurer—Charles P. Myers, Prescott. Mine Inspector—P. J. Hipple, Globe. School superintendent—William Moore Clayton, Saford. Supreme court—J. H. Morrison, Benson; W. S. Crowe, Globe. Corporation commission—A. F. Mott, Phoenix; Albert J. Straw, Peoria; Robert Morton, Yuma. Tax Commission—E. B. Stanton, Payson; F. J. Perry, Bisbee.

The Bull Moose.

U. S. senator—J. B. Nelson, Mesa. Governor—George U. Young, Phoenix. Attorney general—J. L. B. Alexander, Phoenix. Mine Inspector—R. L. Stallings, Bisbee. Tax commission—Frank Parker, Phoenix; J. E. Suits, Douglas. Corporation commission—E. P. Moore, Courtland; S. G. McWade, Tucson.

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Yours very truly,

GEO. D. CHRISTY,

Attorney for the Water Users.

WILSON APPEALS TO AMERICAN PEOPLE TO EXERCISE GREAT SELF RESTRAINT IN WAR TALK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—President Wilson today issued a statement addressed to the American people, warning all citizens against "that deepest, most subtle, most essential breach which may spring out of partisanship, without passionately taking sides."

"I suppose," reads the statement in part, "that every thoughtful man in America has asked himself during this last troubled week what influence the European war will exert in the United States and I take the liberty of addressing a few words to you in order to point out that it is entirely within our own choice what its effect on us will be and to urge very earnestly upon you the sort of speech and conduct which will best safeguard our nation against distress and disaster."

"Every man who really loves America will act and speak the true spirit naturally, which is a spirit of impartiality, fairness and friendliness to all concerned."

The spirit of the nation at this critical time is a matter to be determined largely by what individuals and societies and those gathered in public meetings do and say, on what newspapers and magazines contain, on what ministers utter in their pulpits and what men proclaim as their opinions on the streets. Shall we not resolve to put on our selves that restraint which will bring to our people happiness and a great and lasting influence for the peace we covet for them?"

Officials close to the president made it clear that Mr. Wilson is determined to take no part in the dispute between Japan and Germany over the situation in the far east. While the Germany-Japan question is not referred to in the statement, it became known that the president regarded with disfavor the efforts to embroil us in the controversy in the far east or in Europe.

FIGURES THAT TELL OF CONTINUED GOOD TIMES IN ARIZONA

Total Valuation of Taxable Property This Year is \$375,862,414 Showing an Increase Due Principally to Stock and Banks.

PHOENIX, Aug. 18.—All the taxable property in Arizona is worth \$407,267,393.11 for purposes of taxation and the state tax rate is 44.5 cents on each \$100. These figures have been given out by the tax commissioners who have been sitting as the state board of equalization.

The total valuation last year was \$375,862,414.66, so the increase is \$31,404,978.45. A large percentage of this increase is on cattle, sheep and banks.

Last year's tax rate was 49.5 on each \$100, raising a total of approximately \$1,860,000. This year approximately \$1,812,000 will be raised by taxation but some \$205,000 will be raised from other sources. The auditor's budget called for \$1,967,119.50. Last year's levy provided for part of the deficit inherited from territorial days and the remainder of that deficit is taken care of by the 1914 levy.

The state board made a total increase over the figures returned by the counties of \$4,685,305.32. A total decrease of \$1,778,512.71 was made on various classes and items of property, leaving a net increase of \$2,906,792.61.

The following statement was issued by the board:

"The state board of equalization made a net raise over the total valuation returned by the counties of less than \$3,000,000. This is compared with a raise of more than \$6,000,000 by the board last year, a striking illustration of the more thorough work of the county assessors."

During the year the Somers system of valuing real estate was installed in the larger cities of the state and as a whole gave pronounced satisfaction. Less complaint was heard by the local boards of equalization on this class of property than ever before notwithstanding material raises.

Railroads in the state were raised some six millions, yet no serious complaints were received from them. Telephones and telegraph companies were assessed with slight raises over last year. Objections were received from these interests.

"Banks were equalized over the state on the basis for the most part of the market of the shares. This is apparently satisfactory."

"The mining companies objected to many minor items entering into their assessments, but on the whole they are satisfied with the result of the very thorough investigation given them."

"Range cattle were raised from \$21 to \$24 per head."

Manual Training Instructor.
Mr. Sebars, who has been re-elected to the position of instructor of manual training in the Clifton schools, arrived this week from California, where he has been residing throughout the summer vacation period.

Presiding Elder Here.
Rev. S. M. Cheek, presiding elder of the Arizona district of the Methodist church, will arrive at Clifton Saturday, August 22, for the purpose of conducting, on the evening of that date, the quarterly conference of the Methodists of the Clifton district. Rev. Cheek will address congregations at the Methodist church on the afternoon and evening of Sunday, August 23.

Former Clifton Teacher.
W. W. Carpenter, who was employed as instructor in the Clifton school during the last term, has been in Clifton this week visiting friends and acquaintances.

STATE HIGHWAY IS FINALLY LET BY BOARD

Morenci Contractors Are the Successful Bidders at a Price of \$39,930.90 for The Three Miles of Construction—Work is to be Started Immediately and Local Labor Employed.

The contract for the building of the first link of the Greenlee County and Graham county State Highway was let this week by the Board of Supervisors when they held their meeting on Monday.

The contract was awarded to the firm of Clay & Ruth, of Morenci, who have in the past done some construction work for the Arizona Copper Company, Ltd., at Morenci, and the price was \$39,930.90.

Contractors who submitted bids and the several amounts were as follows: Aubrey Investment Co., \$53,879.55. O. J. Cotey, \$45,678.01. A. J. Crockett, \$42,501.00. Clay & Ruth, \$39,930.90. B. Vandercook, \$62,487.92.

After due consideration of the bids presented together with several petitions which had been filed by citizens of the vicinity praying the Board that the state highway be built by day labor, the Board awarded the bid to Clay & Ruth at the contract price, but a clause was inserted in the contract that the contractor must employ all local labor in the district in preference to imported labor. The time for completion of the road was placed at four months and a bond in the sum of \$20,000 was required.

Assistant State Engineer Barlow is here on the ground and will have supervision over the construction. In this work he will be assisted by W. R. Hutchins, formerly of the engineering department of the A. C. company, Ltd.

Wade Hampton, R. A. Campbell, and A. L. Gravely, members of Greenlee's board of supervisors, have requested publication in the Copper Era columns of the following letter, which is explanatory of their action in regard to the building of the more than three miles of state highway by private contractors, rather than by the method as outlined in widely signed petitions to the effect that the work be done under the supervision of a state engineer who would employ on the construction the many men who have recently been thrown out of employment because of the present copper depression.

Clifton, Arizona, Aug. 20, 1914.

To the Public:—In view of the wide circulation given to certain petitions to this board for the elimination of proposed contracts for State Highway work already advertised for contract and the performance of the work by day labor, the Board takes this method of acquainting the signers of the said petitions with the action taken by them and some of the reasons therefor.

The Board in administering the affairs of the county is charged to do so in the most economical manner and in pursuance of this policy have deemed it most advantageous to award the contract to a local bidder on condition that he employ all local labor, thus giving the relief sought by the petitioners.

The law provides that only citizens be employed on public work so that as many of the unemployed citizens as could possibly be cared for by the day labor method will be employed by the contractor.

In awarding the contract to a local bidder with the "local labor only" clause, the Board has taken the only step that will insure the immediate employment of a large portion of the idle citizens. In the event the bids had been thrown out the performance of the work by day labor would have been under the supervision of State officials and this Board would have been powerless as to the time the work would start and the number of men to be employed thereon.

That there are instant funds to give employment to all in the district is a matter of regret. This fund being a state fund is raised by a State tax levy, a fact perhaps not known to all of the petitioners as is also the fact that this Board is powerless to increase the amount in the fund by any method at their command.

WADE HAMPTON,
A. L. GRAVELLY,
R. A. CAMPBELL.

Kearney Returns.
L. Kearney returned Wednesday from a protracted visit on business and pleasure to points in the states of Washington and Oregon. He reports that commercial and industrial conditions in the Northwest are not normally favorable, this condition being caused not entirely by the present European war, as for a number of years freak legislation has been to an extent practiced upon the people of the Northwest, to the resulting injury of progress. Mr. Kearney is a candidate for the office of Greenlee's superior judge, and states that he will soon begin an active campaign for election.

D. D. Boyles, democratic candidate for the office of sheriff, states that he will soon make a visit of length among the voters of Morenci, which town because of its important number of voters, is becoming a mecca of county candidates.

REECE LING BRINGS HIS CAMPAIGN TO GREENLEE

Makes Three Speeches in the County During the Week in the Interest of His Candidacy for the U. S. Senate.

Hon. Reese M. Ling, candidate for the democratic nomination for U. S. Senator, arrived in Greenlee county this week from Globe and made three campaign speeches in this county during the week.

Reece Ling is always a welcome visitor in Clifton where he has a large circle of friends and he was no less welcome upon the occasion of this visit, although it is a well known fact that in this campaign, a number of his personal friends are supporting Hon. Marcus A. Smith for the Senate, believing that Mark Smith, having only served a short two years in the United States Senate, is entitled at this election to be returned for four years more.

Mr. Ling has been making a vigorous campaign of the state and has already covered the north. From Greenlee county he will go to Cochise and will probably conclude his campaign in the county of Maricopa.

Reece Ling's democracy is never questioned. He has been a soldier in the ranks of the democratic party of this state for years and has helped to fight the good fight, but in this campaign the prevailing opinion of a majority of the party appears to favor his opponent in the primaries.

On Tuesday night Mr. Ling spoke at the high school auditorium to a fair sized audience. Other attractions in town that night, coupled with a fire on Chase Creek at the appointed hour of the meeting interfered.

The speaker was introduced by Superior Judge Lane and without any attempt at oratory, told his audience in a straight-forward manner, declaring his platform, and promising if elected to the Senate in serving those who honored him.

"I am in favor of equal rights to all men," he said. "I believe in equality before the law. I owe no obligations to any man or set of men, and if elected, I shall represent the people of Arizona irrespective of party, place or influence. I am a firm believer in the democratic principle of majority rule, and I promise if sent to Washington by you, to strive to the best of my ability to represent the whole people in the senate and not the interests of any one man or particular set of individuals."

"Since the days of my earliest youth," he continued, "I have been compelled to work for a living, and whatever I have attained, I owe to my own endeavors and the teachings of a good mother. I believe that I am in a position to say that I am of the people. I came to Arizona when a boy, and in 1885 was a student in her public schools. In 1886 I graduated from the Tempe Normal school. I have taught school in Arizona, worked in the harvest fields and clerked in stores. All of my interests are centered in this state, so I am a thorough Arizonian."

Ling paid a high compliment to the national and state administrations. "Wilson's policy and diplomacy," he declared, "is the reason that the United States is not now engaged in a war such as is now devastating Europe." He compared Wilson's peace policy with the Roosevelt attitude, and said that he believed, if the latter was at the head of our government today, the country would have been at war with Mexico long ago. "As it is," he said, "Wilson has not only maintained peace in this country, but is bringing peace to Mexico by his diplomacy; and, when war broke out in Europe, he was the first to offer his services as a mediator."

During the course of his remarks the speaker promised a faithful performance of his duties as United States Senator from Arizona; endorsed the eighty per cent law in Arizona; and took a few "digs" at his opponent.

In explanation of his endorsement of Judge Sloan to be Federal Judge for Arizona Mr. Ling said that he had known Judge Sloan intimately for many years; that he had practiced law before him and that he personally knew that a number of the charges against him were false. He stated that he was a firm believer in the old maxim that to the victor belongs the spoils and that Judge Sloan had been appointed by President Taft and he believed that he was entitled to confirmation and that if his election depended upon his apology for his action regarding the confirmation of Judge Sloan, he would not make it.

The speaker concluded with a glowing tribute to the women of Arizona.

W. E. Kelly Improves.

The condition of W. E. Kelly, who for some time has been confined to the A. C. company's hospital because of an attack of typhoid fever, is gradually improving, and expectations are that he will soon be discharged. His brother, sister and mother, of Bisbee, arrived at Clifton Thursday to be at his bedside, and will probably remain for several days.